

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JUAN CARLOS VALDEZ BERNAL,
Petitioner,
v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

Criminal Case No. 08cv780 JAH

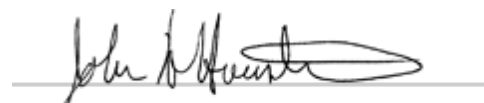
**ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE
TO GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE
REQUEST TO HOLD CASE IN
ABEYANCE AND ORDER STATUS
REPORT [Doc. No. 8]**

On August 13, 2008, Respondent filed an ex parte request to hold this case in abeyance and order a status report. Doc. No. 8. The Court has reviewed Respondent's request and deems it appropriate to require Petitioner to file a response to the request.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Petitioner shall file and serve a responsive pleading **no later than August 29, 2008.**
2. If Respondent wishes to reply to Petitioner's pleading, a reply must be filed **no later than September 12, 2008.** Upon the filing of the foregoing, the parties shall await further order of this Court.

DATED: August 13, 2008


JOHN A. HOUSTON
United States District Judge